

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY ORDERED:

1. Except as provided below, protective face coverings (masks or other coverings of the nose and mouth to protect against the spread of viruses such as COVID-19) are no longer required to be worn in the Clackamas County Circuit Court, Holman Center, or Juvenile Court Building (collectively “court facilities”).
2. So long as an executive branch statewide requirement is in effect that requires protective face coverings to be worn in correctional facilities, judges and staff must wear protective face coverings when working in either an adult jail or correctional facility, or in a youth detention or correctional facility, as determined by the Presiding Judge or Administrative Authority. Any person in custody transported to appear at a court facility must wear a protective face covering subject to paragraph 4 below. An in-custody defendant in a jury trial need not wear a protective face covering.
3. Any judge, staff, participant (including lawyer, party, witness, juror, interpreter, or security personnel), or member of the public may wear a protective face covering if desired, subject to paragraph 4 below.
4. If a participant in an in person proceeding wears a protective face covering as provided in paragraphs 2 or 3, the judge presiding over the proceeding may:
 - a. Require a juror to temporarily remove a protective face covering when the juror is answering a question during *voir dire*;
 - b. Require a witness to remove a protective face covering when the witness is testifying; and
 - c. Require any participant to temporarily remove a protective face covering to ensure that a particular communication is understood.
5. The following proceedings will continue to be held remotely:
 - a. Civil commitments;
 - b. Probate citation hearings;
 - c. FED first appearances;
 - d. Juvenile dependency and delinquency proceedings as provided in PJO 2021-015; and
 - e. Summary judgment hearings heard by a Plan B judge or the tax court judge sitting pro tem. Summary judgment hearings heard by the court’s sitting judges will be remote or in person at the discretion of the judge.
6. All other proceedings will be in person. Any lawyer or party may file a motion for remote appearance and/or remote testimony and that motion will be determined by the judge assigned to the matter, the judge assigned to address remote witness testimony, or the Presiding Judge, as applicable.

7. This order supersedes all prior orders to the extent they are inconsistent with this order.
8. This order is effective March 12, 2022, and will remain in effect until amended, superseded, or vacated by further order.

DATED this 14th day of March, 2022.



Michael C. Wetzel
Clackamas County Circuit Court
Presiding Judge